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nam Colonel Grenfell are pursuing Com-
mandant Lecky's men, who are reported
to have scattered.

Lord Methuen is marching from Vryburg
to Lichtenburg in order to try to intercept
them.

Lord Kitchener directed the final opera-
tions of the sweeping movement in the
north-east of the Orange River Colony.

The Daily Mail correspondent states that
Commandant de Wet and Mr. Steyn es-
caped during the attack made upon the
New Zealand troops near Boshesburg on
the 24th February.

Lord Kitchener reports that the casualties
of the Boers in the sweeping movement
were 80 men killed, 15 wounded, 933
prisoners, 105 surrendered, 1331 rifles
captured, and 2000 horses.

March 4.—Particulars have now been
received of the disaster to the convoy and
its escort returning to Klatskorp.

The Imperial Yeomanry were in advance
of the convoy, and also on the flank and
in the rear.

Facilities with two guns and a pom-pom
fired the convoy. A second company of
the Fusiliers was on the left flank, while a
third company guarded the rear.

When within 10 miles of Klatskorp the
van guard received a heavy fire from some
snipers. It was so dark that only the flashes
of the rifle fire were visible.

A sharp action ensued. The convoy
closed up and repulsed the attack, and the
march was resumed.

The second attack was made on the left
flank. The enemy was within 100 yards.
Some of the mules in the waggon stamp-
ed, but the bulk of the convoy maintained
its formation.

The infantry again repulsed the attack.
These actions occupied two hours.

When the march was resumed, the rear-
guard was strongly assailed and its gun
became bogged. The Boers boldly charged
the British, interposing between the left
flank and the convoy, stampeding the mules,
and throwing the infantry into confusion.

The Boers rode down separated units of
the escort. The British fought gallantly.
They fired almost all of their artillery am-
munition.

Two hundred mounted men from Klats-
korp hearing the firing hurried out; but
Boers who were between them and the con-
voy held them in check until the stampede
of the convoy's mules showed that the
convoy was bound to be captured.

The force of Boers comprised a rapid
concentration of most of the commandos in
the Western Transvaal. Commandants
Dekker, Kemp, Celliers, Louw, Ver-
meulen, Wolmarans, and Potgieter were
present.

It is reported that Commandant Louw
was killed.

The newspapers complain that a defective
intelligence service caused the disaster to
the escort near Klatskorp.

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22nd 1901."

His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class.	Tonn.	Gun.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported d.v.
Alacrity	despatch-boat	1700	—	2000	Comdr. Seymour E. Erskine	Hohow.
Albion	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain W. W. Hewitt, R.N.	Hongkong
Albatross	ship	1000	6	1400	Commander Walter Carey	Newchwang
Argonaut	cruiser, 2nd class	4300	10	600	Captain J. Startin	Shanghai
Argonaut	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	18,000	Captain H. Cherry	Yokohama
Asatru	cruiser, 2nd class	4350	10	900	Captain C. H. Baker	Hongkong
Blanchina	gunboat, 1st class	900	12	13,000	Captain F. H. Henderson	Amoy
Blanchina	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Com. F. M. Leake	Hongkong
Britomart	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300		Hongkong
Cassidy	cruiser, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Captain H. M. Tudor	Amoy
Cherub	water tank and tug	300	—	300	Master T. Passmore	Hongkong
Eclipse	cruiser, 2nd class	4000	11	900	Captain R. H. S. Stokes	Hongkong
Endymion	cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	10,000	Captain W. A. Paget	Amoy
Essex	p.b.t. 2nd class coast defence	363	3	200	Lieut.-Com. Godfrey	Shanghai
Essex	sloop	1070	10	1400		Hongkong
Faust	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	2700	Fleet Reserve	Singapore
Farallone	cruiser, 3rd class	1550	12	3200	Comdr. J. Graham	Hongkong
Firebrand	gunboat, 2nd class	435	4	360	Lt.-Com. C. B. Benty-Pownall	Hongkong
Galahad	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain W. A. Carter	Hongkong
Galahad	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain Lewis Wintz	Hongkong
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Com. G. C. Hardy	Weihaiwei
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Humber	storeship	1840	—	900	Comdr. H. J. Davison	Hongkong
Hyperion	cruiser, 2nd class	3630	10	3900		Hongkong
Hyperion	torpedo boat destroyer	290	6	3900		Yangtsu-Kiang
Janus	river gunboat	180	2	800		Hongkong
Kilish	river gunboat	180	2	800		Hongkong
Moonlight	sloop	1015	10	1400	Comdr. G. W. M. Plenderleath	Hongkong
Moonlight	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain W. G. White	Hongkong
Moonlight	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6500	Captain J. H. T. Burke, C.B.	Singapore
Moonlight	torpedo boat destroyer	1015	6	1400	Lt.-Com. C. P. Mansel	Hongkong
Moonlight	cruiser, 2nd class	3660	8	7000	Commander W. H. Nicholson	Hankow
Moonlight	surveying vessel	835	6	650	Capt. Harry C. Reynolds	Shanghai
Moonlight	ship	500	10	1400	Lt.-Com. Morris H. Smyth	Hongkong
Moonlight	river gunboat	85	2	240	Com. D. St. A. Wake	Hongkong
Moonlight	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Com. G. G. Webster	Hongkong
Moonlight	river gunboat	85	2	240	Comdr. C. A. W. Hamilton	Hongkong
Moonlight	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Com. Murray Lockhart	Hongkong
Moonlight	gun-vessel, 2nd class	756	2	870	Lt.-Comdr. Worsley	Shanghai
Moonlight	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	6500	Fleet Reserve	Tientsin
Moonlight	cruiser, 2nd class	5600	11	9000	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Moonlight	receiving ship	4650	6	—	Captain F. G. Stopford	Poochow
Moonlight	river gunboat	180	2	800	Commander Francis Price J. C.D.	Hongkong
Moonlight	crabber, 1st class	14,200	14	25,000	Lt.-Comdr. R. W. Dalry	Shanghai
Moonlight	coast defence gunboat	363	3	200	Captain Percy Scott, C.B.	Hongkong
Moonlight	sloop	890	10	1400	Temporarily employed surveying	Hongkong
Moonlight	surveying ship	620	—	450		Hongkong
Moonlight	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	5900	Lt.-Com. W. O. Lyne	Hongkong
Moonlight	coast defence ship, armoured	2750	4	1000	Lt.-Com. C. Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Moonlight	river gunboat	150	2	550	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Moonlight	river gunboat	150	2	550	Lieut.-Com. Hugh Somerville	Hankow
Moonlight	river gunboat	150	2	550	Lieut.-Com. Chilcote	Shanghai

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General Memoranda.

Monday, March 26.
12.30 p.m. Pastoral Prayer Service by the Ministers of the H. K. St. Andrew's Society to Past Presidents.
Goods per Yantai unclaimed after Noon this date subject to rest and landing charges.
2.30 p.m. Auction of Postage Stamps, at Mr. Grey, 12, Leimont's Sales Rooms.
2.30 p.m. Auction of Japanese Ware, at Mr. V. I. Remondet's Sales Rooms.
6 p.m. Italian Music extension to Macao.
9 p.m. Performance at the City Hall.

Tuesday, March 27.
Local Banks close.
Insurance Offices close.
Goods per Siam unclaimed after this date subject to rest.
Goods per Manchuria unclaimed after this date subject to rest.

Wednesday, April 2.
8.30 p.m. Grand Variety Concert at the City Hall.
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at 6.30 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1902.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Ven. Archbishop Shaw died at
Tokio of failure of the heart following in-
fluenza on the 13th inst., at the age of 56.
He was a Toronto University man, and
came to Japan in 1873.

Cricket.

A cricket match between the Hongkong
C.C. and a team of the combined Wany-
neiching Cricket Clubs will be played at
the Cricket Ground on Saturday, the 29th
instant, commencing at 11 a.m. The follow-
ing will represent the Combined Clubs:-
Lillywhite, Sharp, Dooly, L. E. Lunnery,
R. Pe-tong, Gentry, J. D. Kinnahill,
Walker, L. A. Rose, Morrison and M. E.
Asger (Capt).

Supreme Court.

Their Lordships the Acting Chief Justice
and Acting Puisne Justice have dismissed
with costs the application for special leave
to appeal from the decision of Sir John
Corbett, C.M.G. (Chief Justice), deliv-
ered on 1st January, 1902, in the action
brought by Messrs Stephens and Howard
against the Attorney General. The Court
enters upon the Easter vacation to mor-
row, and will resume on Thursday of next
week.

Canton and the Coronation.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 25th inst., a
meeting of the British residents was held in
the Drawing Room of Messrs Rowe and Co., Can-
ton, to consider what steps should be taken
to celebrate the approaching Coronation of
His Majesty King Edward the Seventh.
The chair was taken by Mr. J. A. Scott, H.M.
Consul. There was a large and representa-
tive gathering. One Indian fellow-subject
was there in full force, as indeed they al-
ways are whenever there is anything of
national interest. A committee of seven
gentlemen was appointed first of all to
collect subscriptions, and then, when the
approximate amount that is likely to be
raised from subscriptions is known, another
meeting will be called to settle definitely in
what way the day is to be celebrated.

Mr Ward's Subscription Concert.

The second subscription arranged by
Mr A. G. Ward is advertised to take place
on Tuesday evening in the City Hall, when
it is hoped that there will be a large atten-
dance, as the nature of the entertainment
merits the patronage of all lovers of good
music. His Excellency the Officer Admin-
istering the Government and Lady Geo-
rge have extended their distinguished
patronage. The programme consists of
instrumental pieces and two popular song
cycles by Miss Lehmann. "The Daisy
Chain" which scored such success at the
last concert is to be repeated by unanimous
request. The other cycle is entitled "In a
Pavilion Garden," and is both tuneful and
catching. As will be seen from the adver-
tisement in another column, the best talent
of the colony can produce is to take part.

The Navy League Essays.

The Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong
Branch of the Navy League (Captain G. C.
Anderson) has written to the Inspector of
Schools, Mr E. A. Irving, offering two
prizes of \$50 and \$10 respectively for the
two best essays on the following subject:-
"Why should Great Britain possess a
supreme navy?" The competition is open to
the children attending the schools in the
Colony where English is taught, without
restriction as to nationality. The essays
will be submitted for adjudication to a
Committee of three gentlemen appointed by
the Navy League, and the decision of these
gentlemen shall be final. It is left to the
Inspector of Schools to prescribe the form
and length of the essays. The winning
essays will be published (if possible) in the
local newspapers over the names of the
writers.

Theatre Royal.

It is questionable whether Mr Henry
Dallas has not scored in Hongkong such a
distinct success as that which attended his
production of "The Belle of New York"
last night. The songs and acting were fa-
miliar to all present, but, notwithstanding
this, it was found that "The Belle" still
maintained its high place as a source of
interest and entertainment, which in this
case had several new features.
Miss Marie Arnold as Violet Gray,
Miss Fitzgerald as Cora Angelique, and
Miss Corrie as Fifi performed their
parts with great good taste and skill,
and rendered the well-known songs as-
sociated with their parts in a manner only
attained by studious practice. It is rather
to be regretted that Miss Daisy Albert has
not hitherto had to deal with a more pro-
minent part, for certainly on this occasion,
both as regards her singing and her dancing,
she contributed greatly to the success and
"dash" of the piece. Mr Godwin
caused much amusement in his vocal efforts
of the comic order. Mr Dallas, always a
host in himself, as Ichabod Brown, gained
much applause, as did also Mr Percival
Knight and Mr Munro. Quite in his best
form, too, was Mr Riley as Blinky Bill.
"Zaza" will be played to-night.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

Sir William Mathews is dead.

The King has admitted Sir Arthur
Wilson to the Privy Council.

Miss Roosevelt does not, it is now an-
nounced, attend the Coronation.

It is announced from London that the
Education Bill is to be dropped for another
year.

The missing Dutch steamer *Felicitas*,
with a cargo of sugar from Java, has arrived
at Vancouver, 44 days out from M. J.

The sports of the Royal Garrison
Artillery are to take place on Thursday
next, and an elaborate programme of events
has been prepared.

The great currency of Ceylon which is
at its best only worth half its full value in
silver, is divided into three classes, good,
partly bad, and bad.

In a race from Kobe to Yokohama the
other day, the *Koya Maru*, Capt. Ek-
strand, beat the *Kinokuni Maru*, Capt. Han-
well, by 40 minutes.

It is now learnt that *s.s. Bismarck* was
in collision in the Thames below Gravesend
with the *s.s. Bosphorus*, and was so badly
damaged that she had to be beached.

Mr W. Noyes-Morehouse, Commis-
sioner of Customs, who returned from
leave a few days ago and has been staying
in the Hongkong Hotel, left by the steamer
Hongkong today for Shanghai, where he has
been appointed Commissioner.

The Hoss-Bottommy Libel.

Mr Hoss, of the South African *Ore*,
has been indicted for £100 damages for
libelling Mr Hoss in *Bottommy*.

The Plague.

No less than 23,715 plague deaths took
place in India in the week ended 25th inst.,
12,544 of them being in the Punjab.

Well-Merited Punishment.

An Indian *Daily News* cablegram,
dated London, March 9, reports the execu-
tion at Pretoria of two irregulars for shoot-
ing surrendered Boers.

Army Leave.

A Colonel's telegram, dated the 8th
inst., says:—It has been ruled that special
South African and China leave may not
be combined with other leave.

A Now Rifle.

In reply to a question, Lord Stanley
said the Government was considering a
modification in the present rifle and it
would therefore be imprudent to accumu-
late large stocks.

Welcome News.

We learn that it is proposed that the
Hongkong Volunteers, who are selected to
attend the coronation, shall travel by the
Canadian Pacific Railway Company's route,
in order to avoid the hot passage through
the Red Sea.

Supreme Court Changes.

The present Attorney General (Hon.
W. Hugh Goddard K.C.) commences his
duties as Chief Justice on the 1st prox.
His Honour A. G. Wise is then to take up
the post of Acting Attorney General. Sir
Hector T. Sturges-Brown is to continue
Acting Puisne Judge. During the Easter
vacation, the interior of the Court is to be
thoroughly cleaned and colour-washed.

Weilshai.

Lord Stanley, the Financial Secretary
for War, replying to a question in the
House of Commons on the 10th inst., said
the Chinese Regiment will be kept at Wei-
haiwei, and he still hoped to keep it in the
same state of efficiency as the Indian regi-
ments. Captain Ferguson, Civil Lord of
the Admiralty, in reply to a question in the
House of Commons, stated it was proposed
to maintain a hospital and coal station
at Weihaiwei, the climate of which was the
most favourable on the China Station.

For Stamp Collectors.

Stamp collectors would do well to at-
tend the auction, at Mr Lammer's Sale
Rooms at 2.30 p.m. on the 29th March
(Saturday), of a valuable collection of
Foreign and Colonial Postage Stamps, in-
cluding a fine lot of the recent "South
African War Issues" and lots suitable for
dealers. This is one of the finest collec-
tions ever brought under the hammer in
Hongkong. A special feature of this sale
is that every stamp offered is absolutely
guaranteed by the vendor as to perfect con-
dition. The lots are few in number, but of
extremely good value. The catalogue,
which can be obtained from Mr Lammer,
is well got up, the varieties being fully de-
scribed, and the lots are to be sold without
any reserve.

"If the blood is diseased the body is in-
fected." Remember that the blood, whether per-
meated by disease, circulates through the organs of the
human body—Lungs, Heart, Stomach, Kidneys,
Brain. If it is laden with poisonous matter, it
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ful, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood
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and imitations and substitutes.

TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL SERVICE.]

DEATH OF CECIL RHODES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, March 26, 9.25 p.m.

The death is announced of Mr Cecil
Rhodes.

[BRITISH SERVICE.]

THE CORONATION.

London, 26th March, 1902.

The day of the coronation of His Majesty
King Edward, and the following day, have
been proclaimed Bank holidays.

THE BOER MISSION.—HOME
FEELING.

Consols advanced six-eighths on the
announcement of the Boer mission. There
is a hopeful feeling in parliamentary circles
regarding the outcome of the negotiations.

LATER.

The Boer Mission, consisting of Mr
Schalk Burger and companions, were ac-
companied to Kromstad by Lord Kitch-
ener's personal aide-de-camp and six staff
officers.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING
CO., LIMITED.

The twentieth ordinary annual meeting
of the Luzon Sugar Refining Company,
Limited, was held today, 11th J. J. Bell-
Irvine, Chairman, presided, and the other
gentlemen present were—Messrs C. S.
Sharp and H. P. White (Consulting Coun-
sellers), J. Barton (Secretary), Ho Tung,
A. Rodger, J. MacGregor Forbes, Ho
Book, C. W. Dickson, K. Ross, Lo Cheung
Shia, etc.

The Chairman said,—"Gentlemen,—The
Report and Accounts having been in your
hands for some days, we will, as usual, with
your permission, take them as read. You
will, I think, have been somewhat prepared
for the unsatisfactory Statement of Accounts
submitted for your adoption, as it will be
within your recollection that at the last
annual meeting the Chairman announced that
that it had then been found necessary to
close the Refinery, and that the prospects
of being able to resume work were remote,
inasmuch as there was no outlet for our
sugar except a small local demand, insuf-
ficient to keep the works going for any
lengthened period. I regret to say that
matters in this respect did not improve
during the year, as the works have been
shut ever since, nor can I hold out any
definite hope at present of their being able
to start. I may here remind you that this
industry was originally started primarily
with the object of refining sugar for the
Spanish market, into which, so long as the
Philippines remained a Spanish possession,
it was admitted free of duty, and that until
the American occupation the greater part
of the output of the Refinery was shipped
to Spain, which formed the only regular
outlet, the local consumption of refined
sugar being always limited. Since the
American occupation of the Islands took
place, however, the Spanish market has
remained entirely closed to us. Moreover,
in consequence of the disturbed state of the
country, the production of the Sugar
Estate has been greatly curtailed, and it
would therefore have been difficult to pro-
cure the necessary supplies of Raw Sugar at
prices which would have left any margin of
profit on refining even if there had other-
wise been sufficient inducement to resume
work. It is, as you are all aware, the pre-
sent state of affairs, however, that the
prolonged, and that if we are unable to
find a regular and profitable outlet for our
Refined Sugars the business must sooner or
later come to an end. As you are no doubt
aware, the commercial relations between
the Philippines and the United States have
been much discussed during the past year,
and in some quarters it was thought
possible that the Islands might be put
upon the footing of a state, involving
the abolition of all duties between them
and America. In this event, the
prospects of sugar refining in Manila
would no doubt be radically changed, as
free trade would open out a market for
Philippine sugar in America. The Bill
recently passed as a temporary measure by
the United States Congress, which pro-
vides, however, for a reduction of 25% on the
existing tariff, and although we are unable at
present, in the absence of full details, to
judge of how this will benefit us, I fear
that the relief will be insufficient to un-
derlyingly improve the prospects of the Company,
so far as the American Market is concern-
ed. The outlook, therefore, for the time
being is gloomy, but I would recommend a
little further patience on the part of share-
holders, who possess a property which,
though deteriorated by a combination of
unforeseen events, might under certain
circumstances appreciate considerably in
value. It may be of interest to you to know
that our enquiries were made of us last
year evidently with a view to purchase of
your property, but these did not result in
any reasonable offer. I do not know of
anything which I can usefully add to these
remarks, except to say that the Buildings
and Machinery at Malabon are being main-
tained in as good order as possible, and that
current expenses are being kept down to
the lowest point.

There being no questions, the Chairman
proposed the adoption of the Report and
Accounts.

Mr Ho Tung seconded.

Mr Ross proposed the re-election of
Messrs H. P. White and C. S. Sharp as
Consulting Committee.

Mr Rodger seconded.

Mr Ho Book proposed the re-election of
Mr T. Arnold as auditor.

Mr Lo Cheung Shia seconded.

Carried.

This was all the business.

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WATKINS LIMITED.

The third ordinary General Meeting of
Watkins Limited was held at noon today.
Mr G. A. Watkins presided, and there
were also present—Messrs Chan A. Fook,
A. R. Eickel, I. Grant Smith, E. J. Grant,
W. H. Gaskell, J. Minkner, W. A. Sims,
T. H. Reid, N. Munford, J. Osborne,
Captain A. Tillet, Capt. Nurse, and Major
Brown.

The Report and Balance Sheet was lying
on the table.

The Chairman said—Your General Man-
agers regret very much the delay in sending
out the Report and Balance Sheet earlier
than today, caused by circumstances over
which they had no control. The Balance
Sheet is now in your hands, and if you pre-
fer that the meeting should be adjourned
to give you an opportunity of studying
the balance sheet will you kindly say
so now. Continuing, after a pause
he said—Unless you wish it done, I
propose, with your consent, to take the
Report and Balance Sheet, and to take the
road. Taking into consideration the
continued increase in almost every item
of cost, coupled with the continued
fall in exchange, the net results of the
year's working are not so unsatisfactory
as first appearances seem to indicate. Touch-
ing the amount of \$874,197 which was in-
cluded in the \$13,544.53 paid as equaliza-
tion of dividends at our last annual meet-
ing, I would like to point out that it has
been the custom of your General Managers
to give the auditor their check book con-
taining all the assets and liabilities of the
Company as on the 31st December of each
year. Through a clerical error, your au-
ditor, in order to deduct the cost of ac-
tual water plant and machinery already
standing at debit of this account, thereby
causing a double entry under this head.
The increase in Charges Account is due
to several causes. For instance, our
sharement has advanced from \$100 to \$280
per month, quarters for Chinese employes
from \$33 to \$78 per month; increase of
office work necessitates the employment of
a European assistant; advertising, loss on
subsidiary coins, exchange, &c. Your cost
contains nothing except what is absolutely
of the first quality. It has been taken by
Mr McLaughlin, who is a qualified chemist,
and quite competent to do the work. Your
General Managers have verified every item
and found same correct. At today's
low exchange, it would cost you about
30 per cent more money to replace your
present stock. The Avarat water factory
price is \$1.10 per gallon, and is the most
thoroughly justified the cost of this de-
partment of our business; and as our water
becomes better known full appreciation of
their high-class quality and increased sales
will be sure to follow. With regard to the
sum standing in my name, and referred to
by the auditor, I wish to state that this was
due to and taken over from the old firm,
and has not been incurred during the exist-
ence of this Company. Shareholders may
safely leave this in the hands of your Gen-
eral Managers, to see it liquidated in due
course. We propose, with your consent,
to transfer from the Equalization of Dividend
Fund to the credit of Profit and Loss
account the sum of \$874,197, which enables
us to pay a dividend for the year of 9 per
cent. The balance at credit of the Equaliza-
tion of Dividend Fund will, after the pro-
posed transfer, then stand at \$480,627,
which amount is to be carried forward.
Unless any shareholder has any question
to ask, I will now propose to propose the
adoption of the report and statement of
accounts as presented.

Captain Tillet said he had a question to
ask. Did he understand the Chairman to
state that this sum of \$874,197 in which the
Chairman was included in the Company was
incurred before the new Company was
formed?

The Chairman—Yes.

Capt. Tillet—Why was it not sealed
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The Chairman—Butter ask the auditor.
It has always been under Accounts Receivable.
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The following is Mr. Gaskell's sketch of the account:

I have compared the above statements with the books of the Company, and have found the same to be in accordance therewith. Included in the Assets under 'Accounts Receivable' a sum of \$3,065.14 represents money owing to the Company by G. A. Watkins. The Stock on hand has been valued by the General Managers, and the list certified by them as usual.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The twenty-fourth ordinary annual general meeting of the China Sugar Refining Company, Limited, was held at day. Hon. J. J. Ball-Johnson, Chairman, presided, and the other persons present were: Messrs. Hon. C. P. Clifton, C. M. G., R. C. Wilson, C. S. Sharp, D. M. Moore (Directors); J. B. Johnston (Secretary); A. G. Stokes, A. J. Joseph, A. Rogers, G. C. Anderson, J. Macgregor, F. B. B. C. Emmett, E. Smith, W. H. Gaskell, J. R. Midgley, H. B. Cook, etc.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—With your permission, I propose as usual to dispense with the reading of the Report and Accounts, which were issued some days ago. As mentioned in the Report, the Refineries were kept well employed during the year, the quantity of sugar being larger than during the year 1900. In Japan, the demand for sugar was stimulated during the first two months of the year by the expectation that a heavy excess tax would be imposed by the Government on foreign sugar to be in stocks in anticipation of it. The imposition of this tax was, however, ultimately postponed until the 1st of October, and we took advantage of this delay to lay down a considerable quantity of sugar on our own account, the production of which enabled us to keep the Refineries at full work during the summer months. Large quantities of refined Beet were also imported into Japan before the 1st April and 1st October, thereby enabling, during the period under review, close clearance on cargoes which were overhauled with the article, and for that reason, as also to the financial stringency prevailing in Japan, the sugar appearing in the Balance Sheet at debit of sundry creditors was \$4,702,250, a larger sum than in previous years, and consequently the amount at debit of Interest Account has also proportionately increased. With regard to China, I am pleased to state that there has been a steady increase in consumption during the year, and so far as I am able to judge, this is likely to continue. I regret to say, however, that although consumption has been upon the whole good, the prices realized have not been as satisfactory as could be wished, but this is explained by the enormous fall in the value of sugar which has taken place all over the world. During the first seven months of last year prices of raw beet sugar in Europe were quoted at 9/- and over per cwt. were regarded as being at a moderate level, and although there were some indications of overproduction, it was thought by these experts best qualified to judge that if it declined to about 8/- per cwt. the cost of production would probably be reached, and that there was not much fear of a further depression of prices. However, these forecasts proved incorrect, as in consequence of the operation of the bounty system in Beet-growing countries, and of unexpectedly large supplies which have pressed on the market, prices have steadily declined, and Beet Sugar is now quoted at the undermentioned low figure of 6s. 6d. per cwt. If there was no prospect of relief from such prices, the future would appear to be gloomy in the extreme, but fortunately as you are doubtless aware from what has appeared in the Public Prints, a convention has recently been signed in Brussels under which all bounties will be abolished on the 1st of September, 1903. It is yet too soon to forecast the effect which this will have upon values, but it is obvious that it will be beneficial, and for the first time for many years the cane and Beet industries will compete on level terms. In this connection, I may mention, as a matter of interest, that Mr. Liden, the most eminent authority on sugar antitrust, estimates that the quantity of European Beet sugar which was benefited by bounties, direct and indirect, during last year, reached the enormous total of 3,400,000 tons. You will readily understand, however, that such a severe fall in prices as I just now mentioned is hardly providential to our trade in the East, as it enables European shippers to lay down Refined Beet to compete with us on all Eastern markets at very cheap rates, and also depreciates the value of the stock of Raw Sugar which, as you are aware, is always necessary for us to purchase several months ahead of our requirements. Under these circumstances, we have deemed it prudent to value our outstanding shipments at a figure which I estimate will leave a considerable margin as a set-off against the depreciation in value of our stock of Raw Sugar which has to be worked off. You will gather from the remarks I have made that the prospects for our industry until the abolition of bounties takes effect are not over bright, but I hope we may look forward with some degree of confidence to more prosperous times when we are freed from the unfair competition of Beet Sugar.

There being no question, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

Mr. Stokes seconded.

Mr. Michael moved the resolution of Messrs. Hon. C. P. Clifton, D. M. Moore, C. S. Sharp and R. C. Wilson as Consulting Committee.

Mr. Smyth seconded.

The Chairman pointed out that Mr. Fullerton Henderson, who had been on the eve of leaving for home, it would be necessary to appoint another in his place.

Mr. Gaskell moved that Messrs T. Arnold and W. H. Potts be elected auditors of the Company for the ensuing year.

Mr. Emmett seconded.

The Chairman.—To-morrow being a holiday, dividend warrants will be issued here on application on Friday morning. That is everything, gentlemen. I beg to thank you for your attendance.

HAD A GOOD TIME.

A. J. SNELL wanted to attend a party, but was afraid to do so on account of yams in his stomach, which he feared would grow worse. He says, 'I was telling my troubles to a lady friend, who said: "Chamberlain's Cough and Whooping Cough Remedy will put you in condition for the party." I bought a bottle and took the medicine, and three doses cured me and enabled me to have a good time at the party.' Mr. Snell is resident of Sumner Hill, N. Y. U. S. A. This remedy is for sale by All Dealers. WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

MR. CECIL RHODES.

Much that is pure fiction has been published in connection with the great Empire Builder, so the facts presented by Mr. Howard Hensman in 'Cecil Rhodes: A Study of a Career,' published by Messrs Blackwood and Son, will be welcomed by those who have admiration for the ex-diamond miner and Premier of Cape Colony. The first member of the particular family of Rhodeses with which Mr. Hensman is concerned came to London about the beginning of the eighteenth century, and bought a farm situated in the neighbourhood of Bloomsbury, and close to Gray's Inn.

Here he settled down to cultivate assiduously his land, and soon gained some local reputation as a successful farmer and grazier. Part of his estate occupied the site now covered by the Foundling Hospital. Devoting himself to his family and his farm, and leaving politics and affairs of State severely alone, William Rhodes amassed a considerable fortune, and was able to give each of his children such advantages in the way of education as these days did not usually fall to the lot of the family of a yeoman. For a generation or two we lose sight of the family, the next member of it to attract any attention being a Samuel Rhodes, who flourished in the latter half of the eighteenth century, and dwelt on what was then the northern, or north eastern, boundary of the Metropolis. By trade, he was a burner of bricks, in rather a substantial way of business, and, aided by a family of energetic sons, he soon became known as one of the largest owners of brickfields round about London.

Namuel Rhodes, too, made money, and he was able to buy a considerable estate at Dalton, then a little detached village. In this estate, Mr. Cecil Rhodes has a three-fifths interest.

Of Mr. Rhodes's work at Bishop's Stortford Grammar School, Mr. Hensman has a good deal to say, and it should be remembered that his facts have been collected at first hand.

At school, Cecil's strongest subjects were the very first were religion, French, and the classics. In mathematics he was strangely weak. History and geography also were favourite subjects of his. While working hard at his studies and overcoming difficulties with that dogged determination and iron will which has ever been a dominant feature of his character, Rhodes did not neglect athletics, and on several occasions he took part in the school sports. His frame, to look at, was slender and delicate. His face was only slightly tinged with colour, and a mass of dark, wavy hair, coupled with his thoughtful grey eyes which the general state of his health did not quite justify. Studious and bookish, he undoubtedly was; but he could scarcely be called delicate in health at the period.

His temper was, in the main, genial and sunny; but at times he had outbursts of that imperiousness of will which has marked his later career, and was wont to chafe somewhat at the admonitions of his masters. A story is current at his old school to-day that on one occasion, when chastised somewhat severely, and as appeared to him, unjustly, by a junior master, Rhodes in a momentary fit of anger seized a heavy book lying on the desk beside him, and made a motion as though to assault the master with it. However, he seemed to quickly recollect the unseemliness of his conduct, and replaced the book on the desk with an incoherent apology.

Following the youth's footsteps, we find him joining his brother Herbert in Natal, led there in the endeavour to recover from a serious affection of the lung. The lung affection was contracted while rowing in the Oriel boat one spring term. From Natal, he followed his brother to the diamond mines at Kimberley, returning to England for terms at Oxford. The Rev. A. L. Barnes, Lawrence, a college chaplain of Rhodes, says that Oxford 'had cleared his vision, fixed his aim, stimulated his enthusiasm and sustained him in his life after him the thousand difficulties which beset him in the pursuit of his ideal.'

The bringing together of the conflicting elements in South Africa was Mr. Rhodes's desire. This, together with the bringing of the then unknown interior under civilised control, was the task to which he set himself, and he has devoted himself to it for nearly thirty years. 'That is my dream,' he once said drawing his hand across the map of Africa, 'that red dot.' He foresaw that some day or other the South African states must be federated, and he was determined in his own mind that when this federation came about the states should form a portion of the British Empire. From this object, the federation of the states of South Africa under British control, and the extension of the British Empire northwards through Africa, he has never swerved. This, in a sentence, has been the life-work of Cecil Rhodes.

Rhodes did not seek to shrink hard work.

A stranger landing in Kimberley in those days, and seeing Rhodes in his shirt-sleeves seated on an upturned bucket sorting with keen eyes the diamonds from the gravel on an improvised table in the open air, or reading a textbook for his next examination at Oxford with one eye on the volume and the other on his native workmen, would have found it hard to believe that in this man the destinies of South Africa were virtually bound up. To all appearances he seemed to have no other object in life than his books and the successful working of his diamond claims. Among the population of Kimberley there were few, if any, outside his little circle of intimates, who could understand Rhodes. All recognised in him a very successful speculator, and one whom it was impossible to get the best of in a bargain, and therefore he received a certain amount of respect; but they could not follow or

sympathise with the intricate working of his mind. They set him down as an eccentric and 'queer.'

A FRIEND OF RHODES.

It was when serving on a Cape mission to Basutoland, after the way, that Rhodes met General Gordon, who was arranging terms of peace.

Gordon from the first was greatly attracted by Rhodes's personality, and the two men, so dissimilar in many respects but at one in their friends, patriotism, soon became great friends. They had something in common in their natures—chiefly, perhaps, a supreme confidence in their own abilities and a fondness for having their own way.

'You always contradict me,' said Gordon to Rhodes one day when they were out together. 'I never saw such a man for his own opinion; you think you are always right and everyone else is wrong.' There was perhaps a slight exaggeration in this remark; but, considering his own opinion has from the earliest days been a leading trait in Rhodes's character. Yet despite their occasional differences of opinion the two men got on very well together; and when at length the work of the Compensation Commission was completed, and Rhodes was preparing to return to Kimberley to superintend once more the working of his diamond mines, Gordon extended to him a pressing invitation to stay and assist him in his work of pacifying the Basutos and restoring the country. Rhodes, however, saw that to do this would mean that he must turn aside from the path he had mapped out for himself, and he declined to stay, though not without some reluctance and hesitation.

THE COMMISSIONER AND RHODES.

From the very first Mr. Rhodes saw the sinister work of Mr. Kruger, and did his best to prevent the Transvaal from being annexed by the Transvaal. When the Boer Grand Boers were attacking the Chief Moshosi, Mr. Rhodes, at great risk, visited the camp of the leader, Van Niekirk. The Stellandlers were taken back at his daring. When Rhodes saw the power that Delany wielded, he determined to win him over. Bent on prosecuting his scheme of conciliation without loss of time, Rhodes strove over Delany's tent, and in the end we made a settlement. Those who were serving under Van Niekirk and Delany got their farms, and I secured the government of the country for her Majesty, which I believe was the right policy, and so both sides were satisfied.

Mr. Hensman authoritatively contradicts the story that Rhodes once declared that 'the never met a man whom he could not buy.'

The germ of this fiction is to be found in the fact that one day, many years ago, when discussing his proposed telegraph line from one end of Africa to the other, somebody asked him how he proposed to carry it across the Sudan, which was then under the domination of the Khalifa. 'O, leave it to me,' Rhodes answered. 'I never met the man yet that I could not come to an agreement with, and I shall be able to fix things up with the Khalifa right enough when the time comes.'

Rhodes is absolutely without 'side,' and delight in shocking strikers for etiquette and conventionality.

There is a story, well-known in Capetown, but new, it is believed, in this country, of Rhodes opening an extension of the Capetown suburban railway. This line runs to various little villages along the coast, and the spot at which the ceremony was to be performed was one of those delightful little bays so plentiful round about Capetown. The day was of the most sultry description. Rhodes was at the time Premier of Cape Colony, and many notable personages were invited to be present on the occasion. A luncheon was first held in the village, at which Rhodes was present, and then a move was made in the direction of the shore, near to which the railway station was situated. Everything was in readiness for the opening ceremony, when suddenly it was noticed that the central figure, Rhodes was missing. There was some little consternation at this, and messengers were sent in all directions to find him. Presently the Prime Minister was espied calmly enjoying a bath in the blue waters, totally oblivious of the fact that he was keeping everyone waiting, and that he was rapidly becoming the cynosure of all eyes. At length the situation seemed to dawn upon him, and hastily getting into his clothes, with the sea-water dripping from his hair, he declared the line open for traffic, maintaining the while a perfectly serious and composed face.

THE MATABLE.

A great part of the book is devoted to chronicling the African history of the past few years, from the Raid to the present war, and the part that Mr. Rhodes has played in the momentous events. One of the most thrilling chapters is that in which Mr. Hensman describes how Mr. Rhodes made peace with the Matabels in the Matopo hills. Mr. Rhodes, when he went against the rebellious natives, refused to arm himself, and rejected Sir Frederick Carrington's offer of an escort. With three white men—Colebrander was one of them—and two natives he pitched his camp near the Matopos, and found the

Matabels willing to meet him. The place of meeting was a natural amphitheatre amid beetling walls of frowning granite, 200 feet high, the cliffs being covered with naked warriors. Rhodes made certain promises and discussed matters with the chiefs.

After he had spoken on other subjects of minor interest at some length, Rhodes embarked upon a line of conduct which absolutely amazed his companions, and caused them to feel seriously alarmed for his—and their—safety. His eyes blazing with anger, and with trembling lips, he turned on the Indians at his feet and attacked them, through the medium of Mr. Colebrander, who at first hesitated to translate his leader's remarks, for the cruel massacres they had committed ('I do not uphold you,' he said, 'for making war on the white men; but why did you kill our women and children? For that you deserve no mercy!'). The Indians made no reply to this accusation, but bowed their heads before the impetuous white man in meek submission. Rhodes had found the rebellious Matabels as tame as any lion-tamer ever subjugated the 'king of beasts.'

HIS CHARACTER.

The student of character is bewildered by this remarkable man. Unconsciously, may be, he is an egoist, and when we look round and see the changes he has wrought in South African politics, and the vast regions he has added to the dominions of the British Crown, we cannot be surprised. Of recent years especially, Rhodes has been rather disposed to emphasise those peculiar traits in his character which have excited most public comment, so that what were originally the merely rugged edges of his powerful mind have now been cultivated into mannerisms. As has been said, Rhodes is a bundle of inconsistencies, and the more one tries to analyze his character the more baffled one becomes. It is for all the world like walking through a maze. We start off with the conviction that we know all about it, that we have got the key to the mystery safe in our memory, and that the whole affair is absurdly simple. After advancing a little way, however, we find ourselves quite bewildered, and compelled to wander about in an aimless manner like a ship without a rudder, venturing to good fortune to use the words of our old and all the knowledge that we started with is driven completely out of our minds by the twistings and windings that confront us whosoever way we turn.

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TELEGRAMS.

COURT NEWS.

Their Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra will remove from Marlborough House to Buckingham Palace on the King's return from his yachting cruise.

It is stated that King Edward will entertain a distinguished company at Windsor Castle during the Ascot week, which will consequently be an unusually brilliant function.

THE FRANCO-RUSSIAN NOTE.

Brussels, March 26.

The French-Russian note has caused in London most painful surprise. It is headed to Chancellor Court Billore by the Russian and French Ambassadors before it was made public. The Berlin Press thinks that Russia and France may contemplate a strike against Italy. The Russian papers, however, consider the note absolutely pointless. The French declare that even if Great Britain's position in East Asia was strengthened by the Japanese treaty, France has no reason to become disturbed.

THE ATTACK ON ITALIAN LEGATION LADIES.

Rome, March 24.

Two of the men concerned in the recent bombing here of the carriage containing the Italian Minister's wife have been arrested and found guilty, and sentenced to deportation. The sentence is generally regarded as too severe and harsh.

THE JAPANESE PORTFOLIO OF WAR.

Tokyo, March 21.

Baron Kabeura is resigning his post as Minister for War with the purpose of devoting himself to his duties as Governor-General of Persia.

His portfolio goes to Viscount Teramachi, now Vice-Chief of the Headquarters Staff.

UNPALATABLE ADVICE.

Perth, March 21.

Prince Ching, strongly advocates economy and retrenchment and has recommended the Empress Dowager to abandon her pilgrimages to the Eastern Mansions, suggesting the appointment of some high Minister to succeed to her Majesty's throne.

The Prince has also strongly opposed the repairing at the present time of the Piao Park Palace, on the ground that it is not an urgent matter. All this has greatly angered the Empress Dowager again. Prince Ching, in consequence of which the Grand Secretary Yung Lu's influence with her Majesty is now greater than ever.

A GOOD COUGH MEDICINE.

(From the Gazette, Townsville, Australia.)

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Hongkong, March 27, 1902.

To-day's Advertisements

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

MR. HENRY DALLAS' MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC COMPANY.

TO-NIGHT (THURSDAY), 27th MARCH.

The Enormously Successful French Play 'ZAZA.'

SATURDAY, 29th MARCH.

The Celebrated Farce Comedy 'WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES.'

To be followed by a GRAND VARIETY CONCERT by the full strength of the Company.

MONDAY, 31st MARCH.

Grand Production (for one night only) 'THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.'

PLAN at the ROBINSON PIANO CO.

PRICES AS USUAL.

Hongkong, March 27, 1902.

ST. ANDREW'S HALL, CITY HALL.

MR. A. G. WARD'S SECOND SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT.

(Under the distinguished Patronage of His Excellency, the Governor-General Sir WILLIAM GOSCHING, K.C.M.G., and Lady GOSCHING, &c.)

TUESDAY, 1st April, at 9 p.m.

The Programme will consist of Instrumental Pieces and the two popular Song-Cycles.

IN A PERSIAN GARDEN.

AND 'THE DAISY CHAIN.'

Both by LIZA LEHMANN.

The following Ladies and Gentlemen have kindly promised to assist:—Messrs. D. E. BROWN, GORDON, MUIR, and OUCH (Violin), Miss RAMSAY, Messrs. GRIMBLE, HAY, LAMBERT and SCHMITT.

Reserved Seats 8/-

Unreserved 1/-

Seats may be booked at the ROBINSON PIANO CO.

Hongkong, March 27, 1902.

ZAZA

KOWLOON SCHOOL.

THE FIRST TERM at the above SCHOOL FOR EUROPEAN CHILDREN will begin on MAY 1st, at 9 a.m.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION should be made in writing, not later than MONDAY, April 7th, at NOON, to the Inspector of Schools at the Education Office.

Fees, subject to rules which will be published in the Government Gazette, will be charged as under:—

Upper School, Lower School, per month, per month.

For the first child in attendance of a family \$5. \$5.

For the second or third or more children of the same family in attendance together \$1. \$2.

For the third or fourth or more children of the same family in attendance together \$3. \$2.

Fourth or subsequent children will be paid for as if they were third children.

THE HEAD MASTER.

Hongkong, March 27, 1902.

ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of ZETLAND LODGE will be held at FREEMAN'S HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY the 1st April, at 8.30 p.m. previously. Visiting Brothers are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, March 27, 1902.

ZAZA

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship 'SEGOVIA,' Captain FENNEL, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 29th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight apply to HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, March 27, 1902.

RE THE YAU LOONG FIRM lately carrying on Business at No. 39, Queen's Road Central, as JEWELLERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that CREDITORS of the above named YAU LOONG FIRM are hereby requested to send in their CLAIMS to the Under-mentioned firm, to the Under-mentioned not later than THURSDAY, the 10th day of APRIL, 1902.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, 12, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

Dated 27th day of March, 1902.

ZAZA

To-day's Advertisements

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Notice of Adjudication and Appointment of Trustee.

No. 3 of 1902.

Re CICO CHARLES lately trading as C. CHARLES BROS. & CO., at No. 39 Des Voeux Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong.

THE above named CICO CHARLES was adjudged Bankrupt on the 22nd day of March, 1902, and the Official Receiver Mr. GEORGE HERBERT WAKEMAN, was appointed Trustee of the Debtor's Estate.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1902.

G. H. WAKEMAN, Official Receiver and Trustee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Notice of First General Meeting of Creditors.

No. 6 of 1902.

Re The PO HING Firm, lately carrying on business as Rice Dealers, at No. 240, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, Hongkong.

FRIDAY, the 4th day of April, 1902, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, has been fixed for the Adjourned FIRST GENERAL MEETING OF CREDITORS in the above Matter, to be held at the Official Receiver's Office, Land Office, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

No Creditor can vote unless he previously proves his debt.

Forms of Proof and Proxy can be obtained at the Official Receiver's Office during Office hours.

At the Adjourned First General Meeting, the Creditors will be asked to consider whether the Debtor shall be adjudged Bankrupt, or whether they, the Creditors, will entertain a proposal for a Composition or Scheme of Arrangement.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1902.

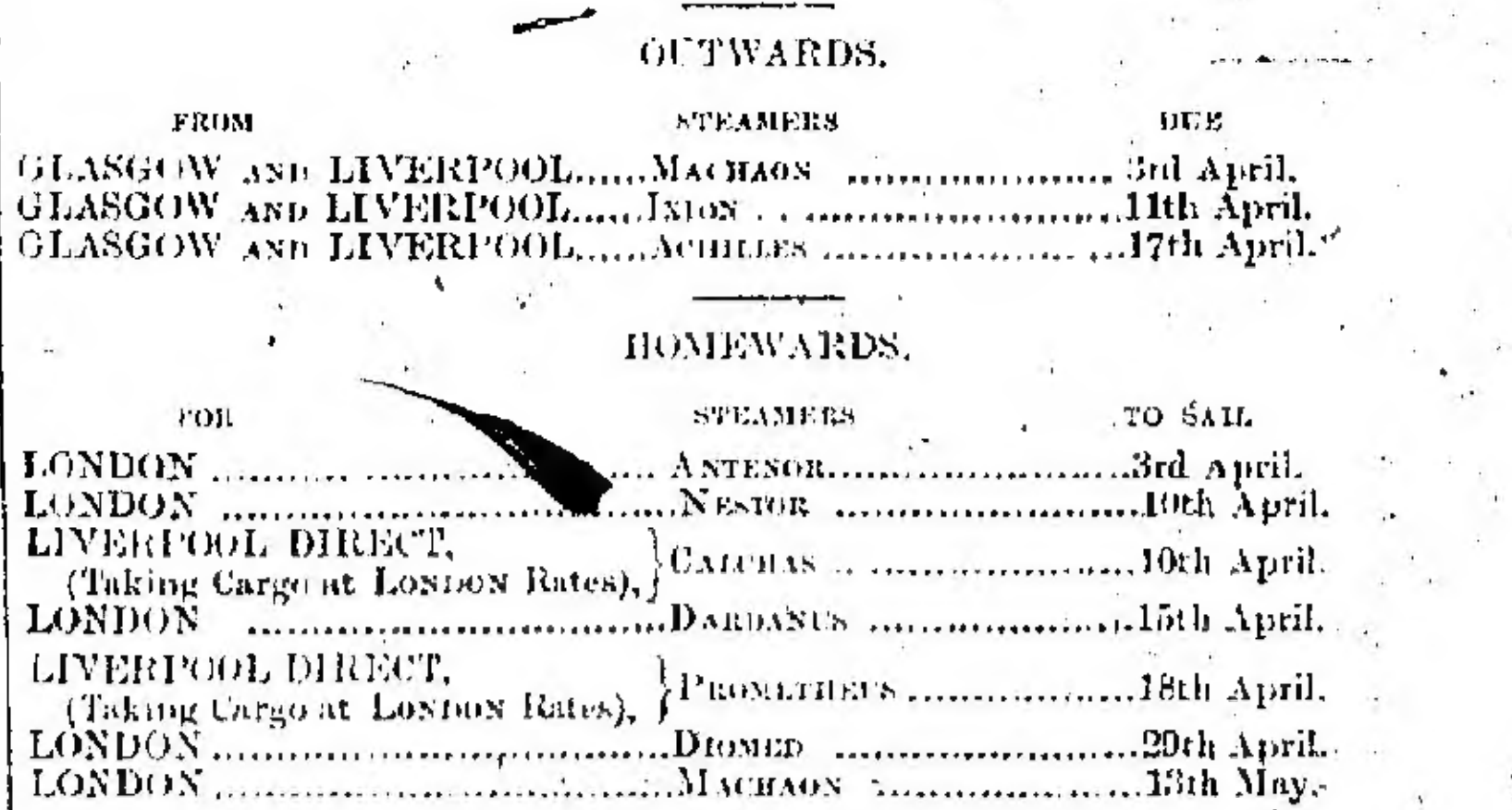
G. H. WAKEMAN, Official Receiver.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

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2472 Agents, C. S. S. Co.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.,
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FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
SHANGHAIWHAIPAO	27th March.
TIENTSINKIAOCHANG	27th March.
NINGPO AND SHANGHAI	.....SIANSI	27th March.
NINGPO AND SHANGHAI	.....WOOSUNG	27th March.
SHANGHAI	.....NINGPO	1st April.

PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY IS -

LAND COORUNA, TOWNSEY	.....CHICKAS *	1st April.
VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY	.....
AND MELBOURNE	.....
CEBU AND HILLO	.....KAIFONG *	3rd April.
ROUTE	.....TAIVAN *	8th April.

PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY IS -

LAND COORUNA, TOWNSEY	
VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEYTAIVAN *	28th April.
AND MELBOURNE	

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 STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON AND GIBRALTAR TO LAND
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 IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HAMBURG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION		
Steamers.		Sailing Dates.
EATYRN 1	...	WEDNESDAY, 2nd April.
STUTTGART *	...	WEDNESDAY, 18th April.
KÖNIG ALBERT	...	WEDNESDAY, 30th April.
PRINZESS IRÈNE	...	WEDNESDAY, 14th May.
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	...	WEDNESDAY, 28th May.
THURSDAY	...	THURSDAY, 12th June.
HAMBURG *	...	THURSDAY, 28th June.
PRINZ HEINRICH	...	THURSDAY, 12th July.
SACHSEN	...	THURSDAY, 16th July.
KALISCHOU *	...	THURSDAY, 24th July.
PARIS	...	THURSDAY, 28th August.

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ON WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of April, 1902, at Noon, the Steamship
BAYERN, of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, Captain H. BLEIKER with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above
calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 31st March, Car
and Specie will be received on Board until a Noon, on TUESDAY, the 1st April, a
Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on TUESDAY, the 1st April.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less th
\$2.00 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardsess.
Linen can be washed on board.

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FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA			
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Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
Thyngia	2837	J. Froelbridge	April 5, 1902

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Indo-11 Tafe	3391	J. C. Cox	May 10, 1902
Victoria	3392	J. Poulton	May 24, 1902

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Rates of Passage to either Port on application.
Special rates offered to members of Government Service.
For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
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Hongkong, March 27, 1902. 422

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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at Tientsin to land all passengers and cargo.

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The MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA.
AGENTS.
Hongkong, March 27, 1902.

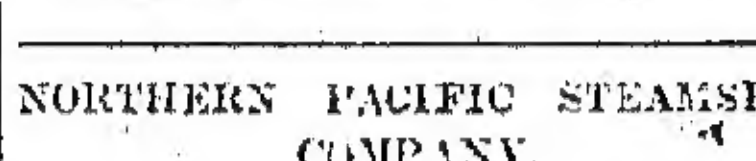
Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
 'GLEN' LINE OF STEAMERS.
 FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO
 AND LONDON.

THE Company's Steamship *Glenloch* having arrived from the above port consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 31st Inst. will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
All damaged packages must be left in Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamers' arrival, in which no Claims will be recognised.

McGREGOR BROS. & GOW
Hongkong, March 25, 1902



NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP OLYMPIA.

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MANILA AND SHANGHAI.

THE above Steamship, having arrived, consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for cargo signature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from the wharfe.

Cargo impeding the discharge of Vessel will be landed and stored at consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected unless in any case whodewer.

DODWELL & Co., Ltd.
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Hongkong, March 25, 1902.

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THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Society in Hong Kong, are prepared to issue POLICIES and

FIRE on the usual terms.
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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1911
£14,782,691.
Authorized Capital.....£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....£2,750,000
Paid-up Capital.....£2,687,500
Fire Funds.....£2,833,716 1

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